

WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY.—For the Middle States, rising followed by falling barometer, colder northwesterly winds, diminishing in force and backing to warmer westerly or southerly, and clear weather.

For the South Atlantic States, rising barometer, diminishing northwesterly winds, colder and clear weather, followed by rising temperature, and possibly winds shifting to southerly.

Cautionary signals continue at Norfolk, Cape Henry, Kitty Hawk, Cape Hatteras, and are ordered off shore at Wilmington, Cape Lookout, Atlantic City, Barnegat, Sandy Hook, Newport, Wood's Hole, Boston, and Thatcher's Island.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was cool and partly cloudy.

Thermometer yesterday: 3 P. M., 50; 9 A. M., 53; noon, 57; 3 P. M., 53; 6 P. M., 47; midnight, 37.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CHURCH NOTES.—At the Monumental church on Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Kepler preached, and in the afternoon Rev. Pike Powers preached. At the Centenary church ten persons were received—five on profession of faith and five by certificate. Two persons were baptized. There were six conversions during the week.

There were three conversions at Trinity church during the week, and the meetings will be continuing this week.

At Clay-Street church there were three conversions during the week.

Four persons were received at Park-Place church on Sunday—three by profession and one by certificate. At this church there were eight conversions during the week.

At the Manchester Methodist church three persons were received on Sunday—one by profession and two by certificate.

At Oregon Hill church three persons were received—two on profession and one by certificate. Five persons were converted.

At the Grace-Street Baptist church, the meeting protracted during the week was well attended, and several professed conversion. One person was baptized Sunday night. The meetings will continue this week at 7 o'clock P. M.

At the Lehigh-Street Baptist church the infant class were greatly surprised by finding a nice small cabinet organ in their room Sunday morning—the gift of Mr. Walter Reems, the assistant superintendent of the school.

At the Leigh-Street Baptist church, at communion Sunday, five persons were added to the fellowship of the church. At night the Virginia Bible Board held a meeting in this church. Rev. J. Z. Tyler made an earnest speech. Others who were appointed to speak were not present.

At the Seventh-Street church one person was baptized Sunday night.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.—The House Finance Committee on yesterday reported with the recommendation that it do not pass a bill proposing to inaugurate the Moffett system of taxation with reference to clearing the salary of Sergeant Wirt Harrison, who has been very sick. Captain McCaull would have served for Mr. Harrison without pay, but Mr. Harrison is now able to go about, and with the assistance of Mr. Wilson, the courteous janitor, the Senate thought he could manage the duties of the office for the few remaining days of the session.

Dr. Moffett, who has been on a visit to Quincy, Ill., to see a sick brother, has returned to the city.

THE HUSTINGS COURT.—JUDGE CHRISTIAN. Yesterday was the first day of the March term of the Hustings Court, but Judge Christian, unwilling to leave the business of his present office in the Supreme Court unattended, for concluded it would be best not to qualify. So he will probably not assume the duties of the court until the first Monday in April. There are very few cases before the court that have been sent on from the Police Court, and not one remaining on the docket of the Hustings Court from previous terms to be disposed of. It was Judge Guigon's invariable habit never to allow a case to go over from one term to another if it was possible to prevent it.

A number of witnesses summoned to appear before the court yesterday were in attendance, but were recognized to appear on the first Monday in April.

THE BROOK-AVENUE IMPROVEMENT.—One of the grandest improvements ever projected in the city has just been completed. It is the paving of Brook Avenue from Broad street to the corporate limits. An excellent sidewalk has also been laid, and the avenue has been widened in some places. It is expected that the entire route will be ready for travel on and after Saturday night the avenue from Broad to Marshall street was blocked. Around Adams and Broad streets, and from Adams to Marshall street it may be some days before the streets will be clear. The people of that section of the city are justly proud of this improvement, and the money spent in it in Richmond in the last quarter of a century has been more judiciously expended than the amount laid out in the improvement of this great thoroughfare.

PERSONAL.—The visitors to the Tobacco Exchange were the following: J. Bolling, Henrico; R. Steagall, Cincinnati; Frank Little, Winchester; R. L. Moncreux, Stafford; J. L. Moore, Albemarle; James W. Winston, Powhatan; George Winfree, Chesterfield; L. Banks, Madison; Emil Koethcke, West Point, Va.; and Thomas Rutherford, Amelia county.

Kendall Thomas, born in this city July 28, 1821, son of Benjamin Thomas, died in Columbus, Ohio, on the 26th ultimo. He removed to that State in 1839, where he filled positions of trust for many years, and the resolutions adopted by the Columbus bar on his death show that he was held in high esteem by his brother-lawyers.

Dr. Meade C. Kemper takes Dr. Styles' place at the Albemarle. Dr. Nicholson will remain another year.

PROPOSED MONUMENT TO JUDGE GUIGON.—A meeting of the friends of the late Judge A. B. Guigon will be held at the City Circuit Court-room to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument to the lamented and esteemed public servant. A full attendance is desired.

MILITARY ELECTION.—At an election of officers of the Richmond City Guard held last night at the City Circuit Court, L. L. Smith was elected captain; Lieutenant A. L. Ellett, Jr., first lieutenant; Orderly Sergeant H. C. Larus, second lieutenant; Mr. E. C. Walshaw, orderly sergeant; and Corporal W. S. Upshur, first sergeant.

AMBULANCE CALL.—A white man named William Gayle was attacked with congestion of the brain at the Old Dominion wharf yesterday at 10:50 o'clock A. M. The city ambulance was called, and the man carried to his residence, at No. 2404 east Main street.

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE.—THE POLICE AND THE STATION-HOUSES.—FRAMED BUILDINGS.—MORE RETRENCHMENT PROPOSED.—CLADDS.—IMPROVEMENTS TO STREETS IN THE WEST END.—THE GRADES IN THE WEST END DEFEATED.—A DESIRABLE CHANGE IN THE LOCATION OF THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND HUSTINGS COURT.—RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN, &c., &c.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. Present at roll-call: Messrs. Adams, Braselmann, Campbell, Curtis, Davis, Ellett, Foster, Gregory, Hargrove, Haxall, Hayes, Johnson, King, Manson, Oliver, Starke, Skinner, Stokes, Straus, Timberlake, Vandervall, Whitlock, and Wood.

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On motion of Mr. Ellett, Mr. Straus was invited to preside in the absence of President Christian.

Mr. Ellett said he had been requested by the Mayor of the city to say that this is the time for him to present his annual message, but as some of the heads of departments had not sent in their reports he was compelled to defer his for a time.

THE POLICE AND THE STATION-HOUSES.—The Chair laid before the Council a communication from the president of the Board of Police Commissioners returning an ordinance requiring a certain number of policemen to sleep in the station-houses, with the recommendation by the Police Board that the ordinance at present existing remain in force, with an amendment that it be left to the discretion of the Board of Police Commissioners to enforce it or not. Received and filed.

FRAMED BUILDINGS.—Mr. King, from the Committee on the Fire Department, presented a joint resolution giving permission to the following persons to erect frame houses in the city: Charles Spencer, addition to dwelling on Twenty-ninth street between Broad and Marshall streets; Mrs. E. B. Taylor, to move and erect a new dwelling on Twenty-ninth street between Broad and Marshall streets; J. C. Tignor, stable on Twenty-first street; James M. Taylor & Son, agent for William Allison, to enlarge their out-houses in rear of old Trinity church; C. H. Benton, dwelling on St. James street between Third and Federal streets; Thomas Hayes, shed on Arch street between Fourth and Fifth streets; John Russell, dwelling corner Twenty-seventh and O streets; Easley Dobbin, shed on Federal street between First and Second streets; S. J. Gilpin, dwelling on St. Peter street between Charity and Federal streets; and Charles Adams, stable on No. 4 Louisiana street; C. Berniche, fruit-stand at No. 901 Broad street, to be put up under the direction of the chairman of the committee; Smith & Jefferson, dwelling on Seventh street between Baker and Preston streets; Adolphus Taylor, to move and erect a new dwelling on Broad and Marshall streets; and John L. Dillon, carpenter-shop on Leigh street between St. James and Adams streets.

AGREED TO.—The committee also presented a resolution rejecting the petitions of Samuel Egan, for house on Marshall street between Eighth and Nineteenth streets; and of Richard Gray, for building, which was not No. 707 west Marshall street. Agreed to.

LUMBER-YARDS.—The committee also presented an opinion of the City Attorney on the subject of the establishment of lumber-yards, and the power of the Council to control the same when believed to be dangerous; which was referred to the Committee on Ordinances for an ordinance to meet the case.

MORE FRAMED HOUSES.—Mr. King, on his own behalf, presented a joint resolution granting the following petitions for the erection of framed buildings: J. W. Woodward, dwelling on Twenty-seventh street between O and P streets; W. T. White, stable on Clay street between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth streets; William Shanks, dwelling corner Twenty-fifth and Main streets; and John L. Dillon, carpenter-shop on Leigh street between St. James and Adams streets.

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LADIES' FRENCH RESTAURANT.—Mr. ANDREW ARNOTT, the popular confectioner at No. 1109 Main street, has just opened a delightful French and American restaurant where ladies and gentlemen can get the choicest delicacies of the season served up in first-class style, and at moderate prices. Messrs. LUTY, late of the United League Club, Philadelphia, has charge of the cuisine, and this is sufficient to ensure the success of this department.

THE TELEPHONE.—That which would have seemed impossible and miraculous a few years since is now regarded as the legitimate fruit of one man's enterprise and inventive genius. The telegraph, submarine cable, and telephone have each in its successive turn brought the crowning marvel of the age. That a speech pronounced in Boston should report itself to the ears of an audience in Brooklyn, and a hymn played in New York should be audible in Washington, is indeed wonderful. But is not equally wonderful that Dr. V. Pierce, M. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., has created the peculiar system of diagnosis, and without receding the patient, obtains accurate and perfect knowledge of most chronic diseases as though he had made a personal examination? And is it not reasonable to suppose that as great progress has been made in the occult sciences as in the more tangible and readily-demonstrable problems of metaphysics, where each new invention is but the logical sequence of the one that precedes it? The failure of physicians to fulfill their promise has created a wide-spread feeling of distrust; but it is right to condemn all physicians because the greed or ignorance of a few induced them to do wrong? No man is precluded against Dr. Pierce's Family Medicine, and erroneously fancy them to be "cure-alls," but have the Doctor repeatedly demonstrated their ability to cure cancer, or give other than temporary relief where the lung was half wasted away? By dealing fairly with the people, he has earned their confidence and built up a practice so large in the treatment of chronic diseases that the erection of the Grand Invalids' Hotel, at Buffalo, N. Y., to accommodate his patients, became a necessity. At an expense of nearly half a million dollars, he has created the most complete and complete sanitarium in the world.—*Buffalo News.*

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INCIDENT TARTAR AND SCURF removed by MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

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THE "GLENWOOD" WHISKY took the first premium at the State Fair.
The "B. Select" Whisky is recommended by Dr. J. B. McCaw.
Faint Gouty Sherry—our own importation. Liberal discount to the trade.
W. D. BLAIR & CO., 903 Main street.

DISCOVERED TEETH rendered beautifully white by the use of MEADE & BAKER'S SAPONINE DENTIFRICE. Fifty cents a box.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.
W. GODDIN, 12 M., two large brownstone tenements at the northwest corner of Main and Governor streets.
E. B. COOK, 10 A. M., Phyllis lodge-room furniture at the hall over the store of T. B. Price & Co.
E. B. COOK, 10 A. M., at his store, furniture, &c.

PROFESSIONAL.
LEWIS W. BARRINGER
(formerly of Norfolk, Virginia),
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
436 WALNUT STREET,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Prompt attention to all legal business. The best references given as to the character and financial responsibility. Particular attention paid to life and fire insurance cases. Commissioner for Virginia.
E. B. 28-29.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE.
CITY SERGEANT.
The undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for re-election to this office.
mlh 5-td JAMES M. TYLER.

DRY GOODS.
NOTICE.
L. LICHTENSTEIN,
1705 and 1707 FRANKLIN STREET,
has determined to close out his entire stock of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, and all other goods, at a great discount, removing to his new store, which is now having built. All in want of bargains will find it well as well as possible to call on him.
E. B. 11-31 1705 and 1707 FRANKLIN STREET.

CLOTHING.
JOHN LATOUCHE,
MERCHANDISE TAILOR,
No. 4 NORTH THIRD STREET,
has just received his first installment of STRONG and will be made up in the best manner and at low prices. Good CASSIMERE SUITS at \$25 and up. E. B. 11-31

NEW YORK LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY.
Persons residing in Virginia or North Carolina where there is no agent of the NEW YORK LIFE-INSURANCE COMPANY can obtain policies from this company, if they are insurable, by addressing the undersigned, who will furnish the necessary blanks, and will information as to the examination.
W. H. BLACKFORD,
Manager Southeastern Department.
Fifty thousand dollars deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Virginia.

NICHOLSON AGENTS:
J. A. NICHOLSON, General Agent;
MILLER & STEAD, Special Agents.
E. B. 11-31

BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATLY EXECUTED AT THE DISPATCH PRINTING-HOUSE.

THE CITY GAS.

Annual Report of the Committee on Light.

WHAT THE GAS DEPARTMENT HAS DONE DURING THE YEAR—ITS EXPENSES—WHAT THE CITY GAS COSTS—THE COST OF LIGHTING OTHER CITIES, &c.

In the Common Council yesterday afternoon, Mr. John M. Higgins presented the following annual report of the Committee on Light; which was referred to the Mayor. The report will be printed:

RICHMOND, March 4, 1878.

To the Common Council:

Gentlemen,—The very complete details contained in the tables accompanying the Superintendent's report exhibit the necessity of presenting an itemized statement of the operations of the gas department for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1878. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with a brief summary of those details, and a reference to the report of the Superintendent for a more complete statement of the operations during the year as seen to deserve special notice. We arrange in parallel columns such items of expense, &c., for 1876 and 1877 as are likely to interest the Council and the people:

Public consumption.....	20,109,579 feet
Private.....	59,584,149 feet
Coal on hand.....	26,566,280 lbs.
Coke made and on hand.....	330,738 bus.
Public lamps.....	1,180
Total receipts.....	\$159,432
Total disbursements.....	\$119,397
Profit, including public consumption.....	\$90,209
Profit less interest account.....	60,000
Candle power.....	17